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In re Application of: T. NAGASE, et al: Art Unit: 1756

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| Appln. No. : | 10/805,956 | : | |
| Filed | : March 22, 2004 | : | Examiner: M. A. Chapman |
| Title | : TONER FOR DEVELOPING ELECTROSTATIC IMAGE, METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE TONER AND IMAGE FORMING METHOD | : | |

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RULE 131 DECLARATION

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S i r:

We, the below-signed, do hereby declare as follows:

1. We are the Inventors in the above-identified U.S. Application and confirm that we invented the subject matter taught and claimed in this Application.

2. We are also the Inventors in Japanese Patent Application JP2001-370029 filed December 4, 2001 which was published on June 13, 2003 as Publication Number 2003-167385, and confirm we invented the subject matter taught and claimed in the '029 Japanese Patent Application.

3. We also note that the Patent Abstracts of Japan for the '029 Japanese Patent Application misspelled two of our names.

(a) First, Mr. Hirose's first name was misspelled.

Mr. Hirose's correct first name is Naohiro.

(b) Second, Mr. Ohmura's first and last name was

misspelled. The correct spelling of Mr. Ohmura's first and last name is Ken Ohmura.

We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or

imprisonment, or both, under 18 USC 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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